

# **Elizabeth Claypool Earl papers**

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## Summary Information

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<b>Repository</b>	Rare Books and Manuscripts
<b>Creator</b>	Earl, Elizabeth Claypool, 1856-1931
<b>Creator</b>	Leslie, Harry G. (Harry Guyer), 1878-1937
<b>Creator</b>	Wisehart, Roy P.
<b>Title</b>	Elizabeth Claypool Earl papers
<b>Date</b>	circa 1929-1931
<b>Extent</b>	0.01 Cubic feet 1 folder
<b>Language</b>	English
<b>Text [Folder]</b>	S1605

### Preferred Citation

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## Biographical Note

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Elizabeth Claypool Earl was an advocate for public libraries in Indiana during the early 20th century. She was born to Austin Bingley and Hannah Ann (Petty) Claypool in Wayne County, Indiana on June 25, 1856. The family later lived in Connersville, Indiana. She married Morell J. Earl (1853-1879) in 1878. She served as president of the Indiana Union of Literary Clubs in 1903 and the Indiana secretary of the General Federation of Women's CLubs during 1915-1916.

In June of 1897, the Indiana Union of Literacy Clubs appointed her the chairman of a committee of five persons intended to cooperate with the Library Association of Indiana (today the Indiana Library Federation) to frame a law which would secure a library commission, later the Indiana Public Library Commission. Earl became one of the first appointees to the commission and served on it for many years, serving as its president from 1916 to 1925, and as the president of the Indiana Library and History Department during 1925-1926. She also sat on the Indiana State Library and Historical Board and the Indiana State Library Building Commission until her death. Earl died on December 8, 1931 and was buried in Lafayette, Tippecanoe County, Indiana.

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## Scope and Contents

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This collection includes notes, three signed statements, and one letter from Elizabeht Claypool Earl, circa 1929-1931, regarding the important role of public libraries in schools and rural communities. Two of the signed statements are from Indiana Governor Harry G. Leslie and Roy P. Wisehard, superintendant of the Indiana Department of Publlc Instruction, Division of Elementary and High School Inspection.

## Arrangement

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This collection is arranged by subject.

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## Administrative Information

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### Publication Information

Rare Books and Manuscripts

### Conditions Governing Access

This collection is open for research.

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### Accruals

No further additions are expected.

### Processing Information

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## Related Materials

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## **Related Archival Material**

Materials relating to this collection may be found in the following collections in Rare Books and Manuscripts, Indiana State Library, Indianapolis, IN:

L570: Indiana State Library collection

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## **Controlled Access Headings**

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### **Genre(s)**

- Correspondence

### **Subject(s)**

- Governors--Indiana
- Libraries--Indiana
- Public libraries